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SMALL FRUIT

—AND—

VEGETABLE PLANTS.



The Climax Strawberry.

Everything ♪ In ♪ Its ♪ Season.

CALEB BOGGS & SON,

CHESWOLD,

DELAWARE.

# To Our Patrons.

**WE AGAIN** extend to our readers and customers, old and new, our most hearty greeting and good wishes.

**IN ASKING ATTENTION** to our 24th., Annual Catalogue, we wish to thank our many friends for their continued liberal patronage. We have to offer for spring and summer of 1904, the largest and finest stock of strawberry and vegetable plants that we have ever grown. And with our improved facilities we are able to serve our patrons better than ever before.

## Read Carefully Before Ordering.

**NAME AND ADDRESS**—write your name, postoffice, county and state, as plainly as possible. Use our order sheet and envelope which you find in this catalogue.

**BY MAIL**—We ship plants by mail, in small lots, to our customers, throughout the country with entire success.

**BY EXPRESS**—We have special 20 per cent discount rate with the Adams and other express companies. Our plants we put up as light as possible, packed securely in live moss, in light crates, made especially for the purpose. We usually send by express when not otherwise ordered.

**BY FREIGHT** We ship plants by freight, early in the season, in large lots, many hundred miles with entire success, giving the lowest rate and entire satisfaction to our customers. We recommend freight as the best and cheapest way of shipping large lots short distances, early in the season.

**CASH** is required with all orders, and remittance may be made by Post-office Money Order, Express Order, (which may be obtained at any Express Office,) Registered Letter, your merchants check, or Draft on New York. One and two cent stamps will be accepted for amounts less than \$1.00.

**ERRORS**—We very rarely have any complaints made on this line, as all possible precautions are taken on our part to avoid their occurrence. Notify us at once if your order is not filled as it should be and we will promptly make the necessary corrections. Our customers may depend on getting full count of live plants.

**OUR SHIPPING SEASON** begins with our Southern customers in February, and runs with the various kinds of plants till December. So there are only two months in the year in which we do not ship plants.

**DISCOUNTS ON CASH ORDERS**—In addition to whatever premium plants we may offer, we also make the following liberal discounts on CASH ORDERS. On all orders for any plants offered in this catalogue, amounting to \$5 at our regular catalogue prices, a discount of 5 per cent will be allowed; on \$10, a discount of 10 per cent; on \$15, a discount of 15 per cent; and \$20, a discount of 20 per cent. This is the very best we can do in the way of discounts, or special prices, considering the high quality and reasonable prices of our plants..

**IN REGARD TO OUR STANDING** we refer the reader to the First National Bank, of Dover, Del.

# STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

**OUR CUSTOMERS** may depend on getting full count of live plants, true to name. If they fail to get such plants, they may upon prompt notice have plants replaced or money refunded.

**PACKING** in the best manner and delivery to Postoffice, Express Office, or R. R. Station in Cheswold is included in all prices named. We use light and strong packages, put in plenty of live moss and carefully mark each variety. We dig no plants only as they are ordered, then we dig, pack and ship quickly. Our strawberry plants are all dug from new beds, taking up the entire bed as we go, rejecting the parent and all others that for any cause may not have attained sufficient crown or root growth to rate No. 1, the only grade we send out.

## Description of Our Strawberries.

**AUTO.**—This new berry was introduced three years ago. And after another year's trial we still have nothing to take in what we have been saying in our catalogues. The largest leaves, plants and berries that we have ever seen, surpassed in these respects by none unless it may be, by **UNCLE JIM**. Large berries are the rule and small ones the exception. Many of the berries measuring over two inches in diameter. It is a strong staminate variety and is a good fertilizer for any pistillate variety planted near it. It certainly should be included in every collection. It is a heavy yielder of large berries that are good to eat, and that brings in the checks. We give 50 of these plants free with every order for \$5 worth of strawberry plants at our catalogue quotations. If the order amounts to \$10 or more we also put in 50 Uncle Jim.

**BUBACH NO. 5.**—This is the great commercial berry of the United States. It is the standard by which all other sorts are measured or compared. For the last sixteen years it has been the great "Money Maker" of many sections of the country and most especially of this Peninsula. But, now, the cry is heard all over the land that the dear old variety has seen its best days and is now dying with old age and lack of vigor. Now we can't believe yet that the time has come to abandon it. Last season we found a spot or section in Michigan, where the Bubach is flourishing with as much vigor as it did in its early days on the Peninsula; no disease, no blight, no rust. We procured several thousand of these plants last spring which cost us \$4 per thousand delivered at Cheswold, and the result is that we have now in stock a supply of the finest Bubach plants that we have ever grown. "NO DISEASE, NO BLIGHT, NO RUST." These plants are for our customers.

**BRANDYWINE.**—This is a grand berry for the commercial fruit grower, as well as for the family garden. A strong grower, healthy foliage, perfect blossom, berry very large, firm of fine appearance and flavor. Season late.

**BISMARCK.**—This is a Bubach with a perfect blossom. A grand, clean, vigorous healthy variety, and well worthy of a trial.

**CUMBERLAND TRIUMPH.**—This is one of the old reliables, with which almost every fruit grower is acquainted. A fine old variety. Has a perfect blossom, clean healthy foliage; berries large and more uniformly alike in

shape, size and color than those of any other variety. Highly profitable under high culture, always selling at the highest market prices.

**CLYDE.**—One great feature of this berry is its adaptability to all sections of the country, and it everywhere produces wonderfully large crops of large bright, scarlet berries. Stands shipping well and brings the highest market price. Foliage is light green and vigorous. J. H. Hale says: "Plant the Clyde, make money, grow fat and be happy."

**GANDY'S PRIZE.**—This is the grand old tried and reliable late variety. Indeed it is the standard late variety of America. Very late, large, firm and attractive, and always sells at the highest market price. It has a perfect blossom. Plants are large and vigorous, producing large and paying crops under fair treatment. For best results it should be planted on rather stiff or moist soil. It is a money maker. We have a large supply of pure healthy plants, grown expressly for our trade.

**LADY GARRISON.**—This is a beauty, both in plant and berry; large size, fine flavor, and the best color. Berry has the appearance of being varnished; healthy and we believe one of the heaviest croppers. Strong plant with abundant dark, green foliage and a stout fruit stem, holding the fruit well up from the ground. Blossom perfect. Begins to ripen early and runs along well with the Gandy towards the close of its season. We have a large supply of the plants from the introducer's original stock.

**EFFIE.**—This new berry was found five years ago, by Miss Effie Wiley, near Dover, Del., growing along a fence, in a field, where it seems strawberries had never been planted. Its large size and beautiful, healthy appearance attracted her attention, so she took it to her father's garden, where it has proved to be one of the very best. It is evidently a wild seedling of great promise. The berries are very large, fine shape and of beautiful scarlet color. The plant is very prolific, having a bright, clean, green color; entirely free from rust or blight. The foliage and berry reminds us of the old Wilson's Albany. Has a perfect blossom. Ripens with Bubach. This new berry is worthy of a trial by all of our friends who may favor us with an order.

**McKINLEY.**—This is a "rusher" in both plant and berry. The fruit is large, bright red; red clear through; firm, roundish conical in form, very handsome and good quality. Productive and we believe that it is in every way a safe variety to plant for any purpose. We watched it closely last season and we find no fault in it. Season medium.. Blossom perfect, and a good fertilizer for Bubach and other pistillate varieties.

**NICK OHMER.**—This berry has been extensively tried all over the country and is highly spoken of by those who know it best. The plant is strong and vigorous, sending out plenty of runners. Very productive. The fruit is of large size and of dark red, glossy color and of most excellent quality. Perfect blossom. Foliage clean bright and healthy. If all berry growers knew the real value of Nick Ohmer the supply of plants would not be equal to the demand. We have a large stock of the plants and they are entirely clear of disease or blight.

**MITCHEL'S EARLY.**—One of the very earliest old varieties. Has a perfect blossom. Very productive in most sections. If you want an early variety you cannot do better than to try this. Our plants are fine.

**NEW YORK.**—The plant is very large and stocky, surpassed by none upon our grounds the past season, except Uncle Jim. Indeed it has but few equals in vigor and health of plant. As fruited here the berries are large to very large. Season of ripening medium; color dark scarlet, changing to crimson when fully ripe. Everyone who sees them are surprised at their size and productiveness. The plant is entirely free from rust and blight.

**PARSON'S BEAUTY.**—Ripens with Bubach. Has a perfect blossom. The berry is very symmetrical and handsome in appearance. Dark red, firm and reminds one of the old Wilson's Albany. The foliage is very rank, dark, glossy green and entirely free from rust or disease of any kind. It is one of the heaviest croppers in our whole collection and is worthy of a trial by all berry growers. It is a good fertilizer to plant by the side of Bubach and other pistillate varieties. We have a good supply of these plants.

**PRIDE OF CUMBERLAND.**—This is a grand old family and market variety. Nearly as large as Gandy, of better color and far more productive. The best flavored in our whole collection. If we were going to select just one variety for family use it certainly would be PRIDE OF CUMBERLAND. We are highly pleased with it. Our plants are pure, clean and healthy, of which we have a good supply.

**SAMPLE.**—The plant is one of great vigor, on any variety of soil: making plants freely but seldom to excess. Ripens late, very large in size, crimson color, clean throughout to the core. Very firm for a large berry. Each plant has many strong fruit stalks and all are loaded with large bright red berries. The plant is large, clean and healthy. Sample is a money maker.

**PALMER'S EARLY.**—Said to be the earliest in cultivation, and we have no reason to doubt it. Had it not been for the late frost last spring that killed all blossoms of all varieties that were open and thousands that were only in bud, this variety would have commenced to ripen at Cheswold from 1st to 5th of May, but, alas! all varieties were in this respect, put upon the same footing. So we are unable to say how much in advance of Michel's Early or Excelsior it would have ripened; but we are inclined to think several days. The introducer says it is from five to ten days earlier than the earliest, and yields twice as much fruit. It is a great plant maker, and we have a good supply of the genuine article.

**SHARPLESS.**—This is one of the grand old standard sorts that needs no introduction. One of the best family berries, as well as one that always commands the highest market price. It certainly is worthy of a place in every family garden.

**TENNESSEE**—A fine healthy plant that is now, well known throughout the country, and is extensively planted with Bubach and other pistillate sorts as a blossom fertilizer. Being one of the grandest for this purpose. It is very prolific and berries are large, running in this respect, well with the Bubach. Berries are of a beautiful scarlet color, and always bring the highest market price.

**SUCCESS.**—This is grand, large berry, and only two or three days later than Excelsior, which is first in season everywhere. It is as large as Bubach, which it resembles very much in plant and foliage. By far the largest berry in its early season. We recommend it with confidence, as the best early ber-

ry now available for market purposes. Very productive. Berries are of a beautiful scarlet color and always bring the highest market price.

**WM. BELT.**—This is a grand, popular variety in all sections where it is known, and it continues to grow into popularity. A vigorous, prolific and productive berry. Berries large, well colored and of fine quality. It has a perfect blossom. Said to rust in some sections, but it is all right here. The plant is a good thrifty grower, with strong roots, and makes just enough plants for a good matted row without crowding. It is better in quality, larger in size and a better grower than Bubach, and also more productive. For large size, productiveness, beauty and good quality it is hard to beat. We have a fine supply of these plants.

**UNCLE JIM.**—It is said of this berry that "the half has never been told." Entirely healthy and shows not the least sign of rust. Season late, a little earlier than Gandy, and will stand up and pick four to five weeks. It has a perfect blossom. There is no nubbins or small berries; every one is perfect to the last picking. It will produce twice as many berries to the acre as most other varieties. A No.1 shipper, large size, fine color and of excellent flavor. They ripen evenly, there is no green end or hard core; in fact, everyone who has seen them says they are perfect in every respect; and since fruiting them "so say we." O my! how these plants would go if our patrons only knew as much about UNCLE JIM as we do. There would not be half enough to go around. Our plants are the "UNADULTERATED ARTICLE," having procured our original stock two years ago from the introducer.

**CLIMAX.**—We have a colored neighbor, who is a very successful fruit grower, who in speaking of the description of the CLIMAX said: "If it is half as good as they claim for it, it is good enough for us all." The originator says: "I had Bubach plants set with Hoffman as a pollenizer. When my berries began ripening I found a berry which attracted my attention. I dried the berry and sowed the seed. From these seed I got two plants, from these two plants I finally got 1100 plants, which I set on one quarter of an acre. Setting them three feet apart in the row and made my rows five feet apart. From this plat I shipped, during the season of 1901, 105 60 quart crates of the finest berries that I ever saw. Before my crop was off, I had refused a number of offers for plants at 10 cents per plant. In the spring of 1902, I sold a few dozen and hundred lots at \$1.00 per dozen; \$5 per 100. Having heard of the fine berries grown at Bridgeville, Del., I decided to go up to Bridgeville, first of March, and place a few lots of Climax for an advertisement. Being a stranger to the Bridgeville people and the fact that a great many of them had been stuck by buying new varieties of unscrupulous plant agents, I found it almost impossible to sell my plants at price asked, \$5 per 100. Finally, I decided, in order to introduce my plants, to ship plants prepaid, to a few of the largest and most responsible growers, with the distinct understanding that they were not to pay for plants until after they had visited my berry patch at ripening season of 1902, and if they did not think the plants were worth all I asked for them, after they had seen the berries ripening they were not to pay one cent for them, but if they were all I claimed for them they were to pay \$5 per 100. When my berries were ripening nicely, about the middle of May, I wrote for them to come. In response to my invitaton here were sixteen of the large growers (some I had not sold as well as those I had) came down the river in a gasoline launch to see the Climax. I think it was

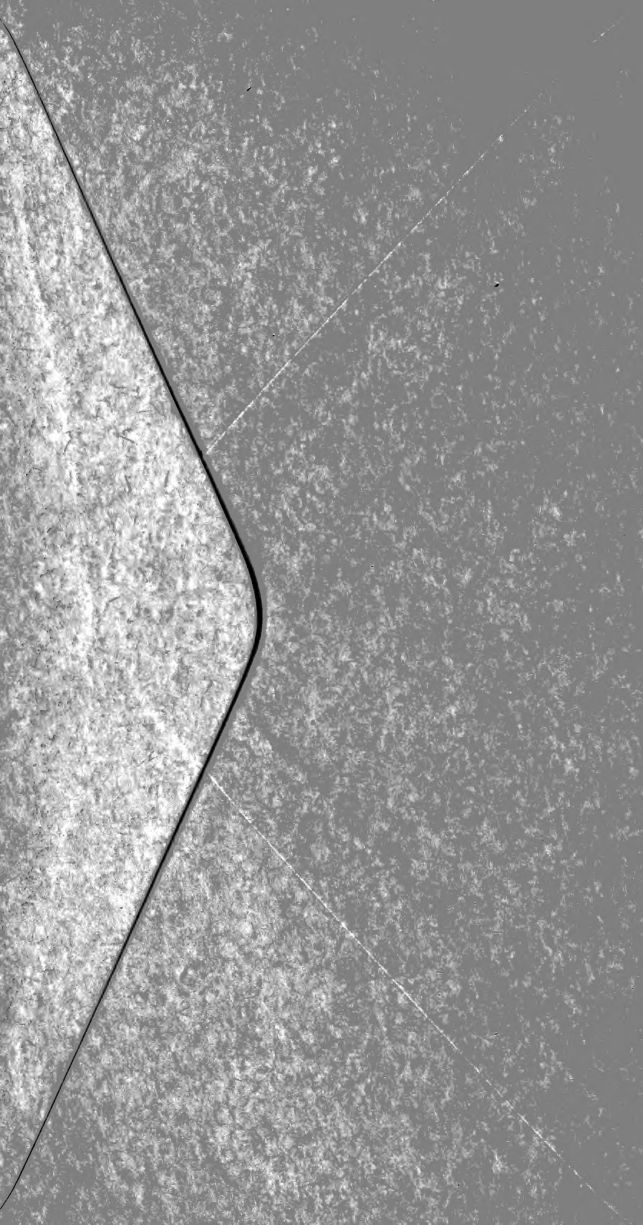


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**Galeb Boëgs & Son,  
Cheswold,  
Delaware.**



the unanimous opinion of the entire party to be the greatest sight they ever saw in the way of strawberries. At least they paid for the plants bought and placed their order for a large number for spring 1903."

From American Gardening, July 12th., 1902, a part of article "In Delaware," by Charles Wright:—"The greatest strawberry I have yet seen is the new Climax. I have no interest in this berry but intend to plant it largely for market. Mr. H. W. Graham, of Maryland raised it from seed of Bubach, fertilized by Hoffman, and from 1,100 plants set on less than a quarter of an acre, the last year (1901) shipped 105 60 quart crates of berries. I have not heard of his yield this year but it must be something enormous. The beds were some three or four feet wide, the tops of the plants knee high, so you can imagine what a sight it was. The plant has a rough foliage, very heavy and strong. The fruit is hardly so large as the largest Bubach, but about the size of average Bubach, and looks as if it came out of a mold. I did not see a single misshaped berry. I never saw such a sight. The fruit is firm, of good flavor, good medium red color; in fact all any one can desire. Blossom perfect. It was growing on sandy soil, fertilized with phosphate, 200 pounds on about one-quarter of an acre; no other manure. There were good beds of Wm. Belt, Dayton, Corsican, Michels and Tennessee near it, but this was twice as good as any. Mr. Graham picked his first fruit May 10th. If the country could see it he would not have one plant in a hundred to supply the demand."

## General List of Strawberries.

Those marked "P" have pistillate or imperfect blossoms and should be planted near some sort with perfect blossom. We sell 6, 50 and 500 at dozen, hundred and thousand rates respectively.

	Dozen.	100	1000.
Auto.....	\$ 40	\$1 00	\$ 4 00
Bubach, (P.).....	25	50	2 50
Brandywine.....	25	50	2 50
Bismarck.....	25	40	2 50
"Climax".....	40	1 50	10 00
Cumberland.....	25	40	2 50
Effie.....	25	40	2 50
Gandy.....	25	40	2 00
Lady Garrison.....	25	40	2 00
McKinley.....	35	50	3 00
Michel's Early.....	25	40	2 00
Nick Ohmer.....	25	40	2 50
New York.....	25	40	2 50
Palmer's Early.....	25	40	2 50
Parson's Beauty.....	25	40	2 00
Pride of Cumberland.....	25	40	2 50
Sample, (P).....	25	40	2 50
Success.....	25	40	2 50
Sharpless.....	25	40	2 50
Tennessee.....	25	40	2 00
Uncle Jim.....	35	60	4 00
Wm. Belt.....	25	40	2 50
Yant.....	30	40	3 00

## READ THIS BEFORE ORDERING.

**IF STRAWBERRY** plants are to go by mail add 10 cents per 50 and 15 cents per 100 to the 100 rates for postage.

All orders for strawberry plants at our catalogue prices, amounting to \$5.00 or more will entitle you to 50 Auto strawberry plants free. If the order amounts to \$10 or more, we also put in 50 Uncle Jim, or 100 of either Auto or Uncle Jim, or 50 CLIMAX. All gift plants will be tied with a red-band and properly marked, so whatever your order may be, be sure to look out for the red band.

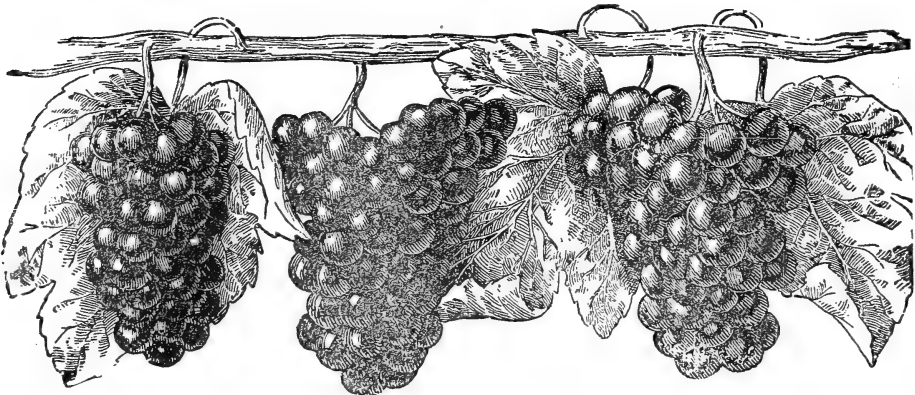
**CASH DISCOUNT.**—In addition to the above offer of premium plants, on all orders for either strawberry or vegetable plants received by April 20th., if the amount is \$5.00 or more at our catalogue prices, we will allow a discount of 5 per cent; if \$10.00 or more, 10 per cent; if \$15.00, 15 per cent and \$20.00 or more 20 per cent. These are very liberal offers and should have the consideration of all who read this catalogue. Cash with all orders. This is the way we are doing business.

## ASPARAGUS ROOTS.

	100	1000
Conover's, 2 yr. roots.....	\$ 60	\$3 00
Conover's, 1 " .....	40	2 00
Barr's Mam. 2 " .....	60	3 00
Barr's Mam. 1 " .....	40	2 00
Palmetto 2 " .....	60	3 00
Donald's Elmira 2 year roots.....	60	3 00
Columbian White, 2 " .....	60	3 00
Columbian White 1 " .....	40	2 00

If to go by mail add 15 cents per 100 for 1 year roots and 20 cents per 100 for 2 year roots, for postage.

## GRAPES.



Grapes are planted anywhere and everywhere, to trail over the sides of houses, arbors, sheltering paths, fences, etc., even people who live in the crowded cities may have them. We have a supply of nice thrifty two year old grapes of the following varieties:

**CONCORD.**—Black, bunch large, shouldered and compact; berries large, skin tender, flesh juicy and sweet; vine a strong grower, hardy and productive. One of the very best for family use. Strong 2 year vines, 10 cents each; 75 cents per doz.

**MOORE'S EARLY.**—Black, bunch medium, berries large, skin thin, flesh sweet, good quality; vine a moderate grower, healthy and hardy. Very early, valuable for market. 2 years, 10 cts. each; 75 cts. per dozen.

**POCKLINGTON.**—Pale green, inclined to old gold when fully ripe, hence when first introduced it was called "Golden Pocklington." Bunch large, hardy and very compact; berries very large, skin thick, flesh juicy and tender, a little foxy in flavor. Vine a strong grower and hardy. 2 years, 10 cts. each; 75 cts. per dozen.

**CAMPBELL'S EARLY.**—Claimed to be hardy, healthy and very productive. Sweet and tender. A good shipper and long keeper. Black, very early. 2 years, 20 cts. each; \$1.50 per dozen.

**EMPIRE STATE.**—White, bunch medium, long compact; berries medium, skin thin, flesh good quality. Vine a strong grower, hardy and productive. Season Medium. 2 years, 10 cts. each; 75 cts. per dozen.

**GREEN MOUNTAIN.**—Greenish white, bunch large and compact, berries small, skin thin, flesh tender and delicious; vine vigorous, hard and productive. Season very early. 2 years, 20 cts. each; \$1.50 per doz.

## **BLACKBERRIES.**

**WILSON'S EARLY.**—This grand old variety is still a "winning card." Berry growers, for the last several years have been casting around for something better, but in many respects have utterly failed. It begins to ripen here about July 1st., and gives a heavy yield for three to four weeks. Fine strong plants. 80 cts. per 100; \$7.00 per 1000.

**LUCRETIA DEWBERRY.**—This is the most popular and most profitable of all the well tested dewberries. A heavy cropper. Berries fully as large as the Wilson's Early. Begins to ripen here June 20th., and runs well into July. No fruit grower can afford to be without it. Nice, well rooted plants, 75 cts. per 100; \$5.00 per 1000.

## **HOW TO GROW AND HARVEST ROCKY FORD CANTALOUPE.**

In the growing of these melons for market, the first step is to get good seed. These should be as carefully selected for the best results, as the breeder of fine stock selects an individual to head his herd or flock. Better pay \$5.00 per pound than to take poor mixed up stock as a gift, or stay out of the business rather than plant poor seed. Select a rich soil, or the best you have with good drainage, and after thoroughly plowing and harrowing the soil so as to provide a fine seed bed, mark it out four by six feet, run the rows six feet apart with a two horse plow, and at once, while it is fresh and moist, put in a good shovel full of well rotted stable manure, prepared for the purpose, to each hill; tramp this down at once, while fresh, or thoroughly work it into the soil; we prefer tramping it down. On this throw a good, even and straight double furrow. Keep the horse and plow on the spot and as fast as the manure is put in a few rows cover them up. Never allow the manure to dry, as it must be remembered that at about the usual planting time, a dry

season is more than likely to strike us, and cantaloupe seed will not germinate on a bed of dry manure. The manure should be covered three to four inches deep.

When making up the hills with the hoe after the double furrow has been thrown on, a light application of some good phosphate may be hoed in to give the plants an early send off. We find that too many melon growers are entirely too stingy with the seed. Better by far put too many seed in a hill than not enough. Put in at least 10 to 12 seed to the hill and cover about one inch. Before the plants are up, rake the hills carefully with the hand rake which will keep back grass and weeds and enliven the soil. As soon as plants are well up hoe carefully and draw the fine soil well up to the undersides of the leaves. Thin to five or six plants, standing well apart. We would not advise hoeing when plants are wet from either dew or rain, as it may start rust or blight. Cultivate carefully, both ways and as deep as the ground was plowed if possible. The second hoeing should follow by the time the second cultivating is done, at which time thin to two plants, one is better than three. Again draw the soil well up to the plants. Continue the hoeing and cultivating as often as possible and you will be well repaid for the extra labor, in earliness, quality and quantity of yield. When the vines are eighteen to twenty four inches long, pinch off the ends, this will cause them to throw out laterals on which the fruit is borne and the yield is very much increased by so doing.

At the last hoeing lay the vines around very carefully so they will run one way and thus leave a path to walk in when picking. Try never to step on a vine between a melon and the root, as a bruised vine here means a premature melon. Cultivate to grow cantaloupes and not to kill weeds, if you do this no weeds will appear in sight. When ready for picking, go altogether by color and you will soon be able to tell a ripe one as soon as it will slip. If you begin forcing them from the vines it will bleed the vines and the other melons will come off premature and are "punks" or without flavor. This is one of the greatest mistakes made, for if a melon is picked two days too soon, it is never good and many others are injured on account of it. Be careful that none are bruised in picking, handling and packing. Many people know how to grow large crops of cantaloupes but they never seem to learn how to pack and ship them so as to get the most out of them. In crating take hold of the melon so that the thumb rests on one end and the second and third fingers on the other and by a slight pressure you can readily detect any "soft ends" which must be thrown out. Now look the melon all over for any faults which may appear and if it is O. K., place it solidly in the crate, taking care not to bruise it and at the same time to have the crate well filled so there is not a loose melon in it. Never put in a green melon, and make it a rule to put in only such as you would be willing to buy. If you are not strictly honest, act so in this case from a business standpoint, it will pay you. And indeed it will pay in all cases.

The standard crate is 12x12x24 inches and 45 Rocky Ford melons fill a crate, this is the standard pack.

## INSECTS AND DISEASES INJURIOUS TO CANTALOUPE AND OTHER MELONS.

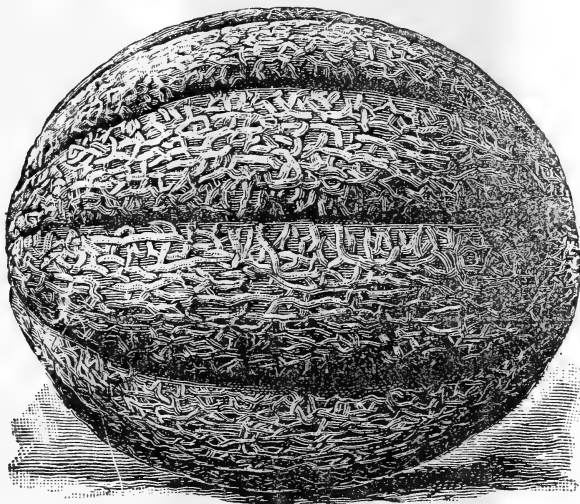
The striped cucumber beetle is a common pest and can be driven away by dusting the vines. Sprinkle a little sulphur on quick lime and slake it

with a little water, when cool dust the plants with the powder, it is a very effective remedy. Wood ashes are also a very effective remedy and so is soot. Keep working the ground, and by dusting the vines two or three times this pest can be overcome. If the flea beetle attacks them dust with Paris Green and flour in the morning when the dew is on, be careful to not get in too much Paris Green, as it may burn the plants.

**LICE.**—This is the most destructive pest and must be watched for carefully. Go over the field two or three times a week and the first ones found should be **BURNED WHERE THEY ARE**. Do not attempt to cover the vine or pull it up and remove it from the field, as some will fall off and continue to increase. If they cover a space four feet across spread straw over the space and even two feet outside all the way around them and burn at once. By killing the first brood they can be stopped, but all growers should do this for if neglected they will soon cover the whole country. If they have appeared over large fields spray with kerosene emulsion.

**FOR RUST** spray with Bordeaux mixture which is the best preventative.

## OUR ROCKY FORD CANTALOUPE



ROCKYFORD CANTALOUPE—Reduced Size.

Seed were grown expressly for us by an old grower at Rocky Ford, Colorado, who has been 21 years in the business. And at this writing (Dec. 19th.) our neighbors and local trade have already ordered over 90 pounds. If you want the pure article, don't delay about getting your order in, somebody is sure to get left. Price,  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 65 cts.; 1 lb., \$1.25. All postpaid by mail.

## TOMATO SEED.

**WE HAVE** a fair supply of Stone Tomato Seed, that we think are equal in every respect to any that can be found. And our neighbors think so too. It is a good sign to have the confidence of your neighbor. However, our neighbors are not really stuck on us but they want the best tomato and cantaloupe seed. It is not the man we deal with but the seed we buy.  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 30 cts.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 50 cts.; 1 lb, 90 cts, All prepaid by mail.

# Vegetable Plants.

## CABBAGE PLANTS.

(Ready April 1st.)

**Early Jersey Wakefied.**—These are from January sown seed, also WINNINGSTADT and EARLY SUMMER, all ready April 1st., at 20 cts. per 100; \$1.75 per 1000.

After May 10th., the above three varieties at \$1.25 per 1000; 15 cts. per 100. If cabbage plants are ordered to go by mail add 10 cts. per 100 for postage.

## LATE CABBAGE PLANTS.

(For fall and winter use, ready June 1st.)

Premium Late Flat Dutch, Large Late Drumhead, Danish Stoneball and American Drumhead Savoy, at 15 cts. per 100; \$1.00 per 1000; 5000 for \$4.00.

When ordering plants or seeds of any kind be sure to give implicit shipping directions; using our order sheet if you have it.

## CAULIFLOWER.

(Ready April 1st.)

**Early Paris and Henderson's Early Snowball.**—The best two early varieties, 10 cts. per dozen; 50 cts. per 100. For late planting we have Vitch's Autumn Giant. Large fine heads, well proportioned, of robust habit and one of the best late varieties. Ready June 1st., at 40 cts. per 100; \$2.50 per 1000. If to go by mail add 10 cts., per 100 for postage.

## EGG PLANTS.

(Ready May 15th.)

**New York Improved Large Purple Spineless.**—The leading sort for home and market. The plant is a vigorous grower; fruit large, fine and free from spines and produced until frost. Skin is of a rich purple. Flesh white and of a good flavor. We can highly recommend our carefully selected strain of this Egg Plant to market gardeners and amateurs. Strong, well rooted transplanted plants, 15 cts. per dozen; 75 cts. per 100. If to go by mail add 5 cts. per dozen; 15 cts. per 100, for postage. We expect to grow 200 to 300 pounds of seed this season for the Seed Trade.

## PEPPER PLANTS.

(Ready May 1st.)

We have an immense trade in these plants, supplying thousands annually to our customers and growing hundreds of pounds of seed, which we supply to the seed trade.

**Ruby King.**—This magnificent variety has so grown in popularity that it is now recognized the best and most profitable mild red pepper for either market or family use. Those who see our plants growing are enthusiastic in praise of the beautiful plants, crowded with the large handsome fruit, of a bright ruby red color. Remarkably mild and pleasant to the taste, in this respect unequalled by any other red pepper. They can be sliced and eaten



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with vinegar and salt like cucumbers and tomatoes, making a pleasant and appetizing salad; while for stuffing and for pepper hash no other variety can equal them.

**Sweet Mountain.**—Plants very vigorous and productive, growing upright with moderately large leaves. Fruit very large, often 8 inches or more in length by 2 inches or more in diameter, very smooth and handsome, being unripe, of a bright deep green color, entirely free from any purple tinge and when matured of a rich red. Flesh very thick sweet and of a mild flavor. Makes a fine stuffed pickle.

**Bull-Nose**—This is a well known old standard variety. Produces very large sized fruits, which are highly esteemed for pickling. The skin being thick and hotter than the above varieties.

**Long Red Cayenne.**—A long red variety. Very hot and is generally used for seasoning. This is the old variety that our grandmothers used to hang up in bunches against the side of the house to cure.

**Well Hardened.**—Transplanted plants of all the above varieties at 15 cts. per dozen; 60cts. per 100.

**Plants from Seed Bed** good size and well rooted, 10 cts. per dozen; 40 cts. per 100. If to go by mail add 5cts. per dozen and 15 cts. per 100 for postage.

## CELERY PLANTS.

We shall have a large supply of celery plants ready about June 20th. WHITE PLUME, GOLDEN SELF BLANCHING, GIANT PASCAL, PERLE LE GRAND and PINK PLUME. These are the best known varieties for either family use, or market gardener. Price, 15 cts. per 100; \$1.25 per 1000.

## EARLY TOMATO PLANTS.

(Transplanted plants ready May 1st.)

We offer no plants this season except those which are transplanted and well hardened and rooted.

**Livingston's Favorite.**—A grand blood red smooth tomato, medium sized, attractive and always salable.

**Sparks' Earliana.**—We could write a whole page about this wonderful new early tomato, and give another page of testimonials from leading truckers and gardeners. But will simply say that it is believed to be the earliest large tomato in the world. Our customers should not fail to order at least a few of these plants and see for themselves. We offer both varieties at the same price and in filling orders shall substitute one for the other in case we are short on one at the time the order is received.

**Transplanted** large, well hardened plants ready April 25th., 15 cts. per dozen; 75 cts. per 100. No tomato plants by mail.

## TOMATO PLANTS FOR CANNERY.

(Ready May 20th.)

We have an immense trade in these plants. Our sales running into the hundreds of thousands. Canning companies throughout Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and other states buy largely

of us. It is a very usual occurrence to receive an order for 50,000 to 1,000,000 plants from some canning company.

**Paragon and Stone** are the only two we offer this season. They seem to be the staple kinds for the commercial canner. We think there is nothing better grown. Price 15 cts. per 100; 80 cts. per 1000. Special prices may be quoted on large orders.

## **SWEET POTATO PLANTS.**

(Ready May 1st.)

**Yellow Nansemond.**—This is one of the best known sweet potatoes. It is of a rich golden yellow, dry and mealy. A good keeper, quite productive and always brings the highest market price.

**Red Nansemond.**—This possesses all the good qualities of the Yellow Nansemond, is of a purplish red color and on account of its many excellencies, it is preferred by many above all others. It steadily grows into popularity as the people get better acquainted with it. The demand for plants of this variety is steadily increasing.

**Big Stem Jersey.**—A beautiful golden yellow in color, a strong grower and is readily distinguished from all other varieties by its large dark green foliage. We must say however, that after eight years of practical experience with it with all due respect for its good qualities, it is not a first class keeper. It must be kept in a very regular and high temperature. And we also notice that there is a growing disposition to condemn its table qualities, of which we never thought it first class. It will yield more bushels per acre than any other variety.

**Vineland Bush.**—This is indeed a perfect bush with no inclination for running; resembling a bean bush very closely. The tubers grow directly under the plant. An abundant bearer of rich golden colored potatoes, of fine quality; and a good keeper. It is simply perfection and a decided improvement over all other vineless potatoes heretofore offered.

Price on all varieties, 15 cts., per 50; 25 cts., per 100; \$1.50 per 1000. If to go by mail add 10 cts. per 100 for postage.

**See Our Discounts** on strawberry plants before ordering, also notice the premium plants. We have 1,000,000 of the finest strawberry plants that we have ever grown. **NO RUST, NO DISEASE, NO BLIGHT.**

**Remember** if you receive a package of strawberry plants in your order with a red band around it, it is a gift package and may be **UNCLE JIM**, which is one of the best in the world.

**Don't** fail to use your order sheet and envelope.

Respectfully,

**CALEB BOGGS & SON, Cheswold, Del.**

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### **State of Delaware.      State Board of Agriculture. CERTIFICATE OF NURSERY INSPECTION.**

Dover, Delaware, Oct. 28, 1903.

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**—This certifies that I have this day examined the nursery stock and premises of the Nurseries of Messrs. Caleb Boggs & Son at Cheswold, Kent county, Delaware, and that said nursery stock is apparently free from crown gall, peach yellows, peach rosette, the San Jose scale, and all other plant diseases and insects of a seriously dangerous nature.

This certificate may be revoked by the State Board of Agriculture for cause, and it is invalid after August 31, 1904, and does not include nursery stock not grown on the above named premises unless such stock is covered by certificate of a state or government officer and accepted by the State Board of Agriculture.

WESLEY WEBB, Inspector.